

**HEARING AND SPEECH EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES
JANUARY 26, 2009**

PRESENT: Okie Allen, HIS; Bruce Baier, Consumer Representative; Thomas Fisher, AuD; Edward W. Korabic, PhD; Alma Peters, MS, MBA; Marilyn S. Workinger, PhD and Peter J. Zellmer, AuD

ABSENT: Terrence Greenleaf, HIS; David Friedland, MD

STAFF: Tom Ryan, Bureau Director; Ruby Jefferson-Moore, Legal Counsel; Amy Childers, Bureau Assistant; and DRL Staff

GUESTS: Dr. Laura Feldhake, Wisconsin Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Professional Association (WSHA-P); Ramie Zelenkova, Wisconsin Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Professional Association (WSHA-P); Todd Beyer, Joe Hulwi, Doug Johnson and Arlene Hulwi, Wisconsin Alliance of Hearing Professionals (WAHP)

CALL TO ORDER

Okie Allen, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m. A quorum of 7 members was present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Amendments to the Agenda:

- After Item F (Open Session) – Correspondence from Doug Johnson, WAHP, regarding Continuing Education: Ethics Credits
- After Item F (Open Session) – 2009 Bill Draft relating to changes to the regulation of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists
- After Item F (Open Session) – Report from Alma Peters regarding the National Council of State Board of Examiners for Speech Pathology and Audiology Annual Meeting
- After Item K (Closed Session) – Request for Reinstatement – Suzette Steinbach-Mineau

MOTION: Marilyn Workinger moved, seconded by Alma Peters, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 6, 2008

MOTION: Marilyn Workinger moved, seconded by Bruce Baier, to approve the minutes of October 6, 2008 as written. Motion carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF 2009 BOARD OFFICERS

MOTION: Peter Zellmer moved, seconded by Alma Peters, in favor of maintaining current Board leadership without change. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS, INCLUDING:

Okie Allen appointed the following:

- Credentialing Liaisons – Edward Korabic, Okie Allen, Marilyn Worker, Alma Peters and Thomas Fisher
- Screening Panel – Marilyn Worker, Peter Zellmer, Edward Korabic, Alma Peters and Bruce Baier
- Division of Enforcement Monitoring Liaison – Alma Peters
- Digest Advisor – Marilyn Worker
- Frequently Asked Question Advisor – Marilyn Worker
- Examination Liaison – Okie Allen
- Legislative Liaison – Okie Allen
- Impaired Professionals Program Liaison – Alma Peters
- Practice Question Procedure – Legal Counsel will work with Credentialing Liaisons

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Tom Ryan noted the department procedures that were included in the agenda and informed the Board of Department changes, including the merging of the Division of Board Services and the Office of Legal Counsel.

Wisconsin Alliance of Hearing Professionals Report

Okie Allen reported to the Board the topics addressed at the meeting.

Examination Re-takes

The Board discussed the implications of examination re-takes.

DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT'S CASE HANDLING INITIATIVE

Tom Ryan discussed the Division of Enforcement's case handling initiative with the Board.

SUMMARY REPORTS OF PENDING COURT CASES, DISCIPLINARY CASES, ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND LEGISLATION

Noted.

LEGISLATION RELATING TO: REPLACING THE TERM HEARING AID WITH HEARING INSTRUMENT, CREATING NEW GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINE OF HEARING INSTRUMENT SPECIALISTS, AUDIOLOGISTS, AND SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS, CHANGING THE DEFINITION OF AUDIOLOGY, AND CHANGING LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR AUDIOLOGISTS, AND GRANTING RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed the newest draft for this legislation and Ramie Zelenkova, WSHA-P, is scheduled to meet with Senator Lehman to discuss the draft. She will address any concerns or questions the Board has with Senator Lehman. The Board would like to review this draft further and discuss at a future meeting.

21ST ANNUAL NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR STATE BOARD EXAMINERS (NCSB) CONFERENCE (OCTOBER 16 – 18, 2008) REPORT – ALMA PETERS

Alma Peters reported to the Board the topics that were addressed at the National Council for State Board Examiners (NCSB) Annual Conference and provided a handout highlighting the conference.

Application Issues

Okie Allen informed the Board that there is a request to add Ethics to the Board's Continuing Education requirement. Douglas Johnson, on behalf of the Wisconsin Alliance of Hearing Professionals, appeared in front of the Board to discuss Continuing Education/Ethics and Professional Practices.

MOTION: Marilyn Workinger moved, seconded by Alma Peters, to defer the topic of continuing education to the next meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

None.

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Marilyn Workinger moved, seconded by Peter Zellmer, to convene to closed session to deliberate on cases following hearing (Wis. Stat. § 19.85 (1) (a)); consider closing disciplinary investigation(s) with administrative warning(s) (Wis. Stat. § 19.85 (1) (b) and Wis. Stat. § 440.205); consider individual histories or disciplinary data (Wis. Stat. § 19.85 (1) (f)) and to confer with legal counsel (Wis. Stat. § 19.85 (1) (g)). Motion carried unanimously in a roll call vote. Okie Allen-yes; Thomas Fisher-yes; Edward W. Korabic-yes; Bruce Baier-yes; Alma Peters-yes; Marilyn S. Workinger-yes and Peter J. Zellmer-yes.

Open session recessed at 3:36 p.m.

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

MOTION: Marilyn Workinger moved, seconded by Peter Zellmer, to reconvene into open session. Motion carried unanimously.

Open session reconvened at 4:15 p.m.

DELIBERATION OF PROPOSED STIPULATIONS RECEIVED IN THE BUREAU

CHRIS A. PRO

MOTION: Edward Korabic moved, seconded by Peter Zellmer, to adopt the findings of fact, conclusions of law, stipulation, and order in the matter of Chris A. Pro. Motion carried unanimously.

LORI J. ROGERS-FISH

MOTION: Marilyn Workinger moved, seconded by Alma Peters, to adopt the findings of fact, conclusions of law, stipulation, and order in the matter of Lori J. Rogers-Fish. Motion carried unanimously.

KATHRYN C. MULCAHY

MOTION: Alma Peters moved, seconded by Marilyn Workinger, to adopt the findings of fact, conclusions of law, stipulation, and order in the matter of Kathryn C. Mulcahy. Motion carried unanimously.

LYNN E. ERICKSON-MEIER

MOTION: Alma Peters moved, seconded by Edward Korabic, to adopt the findings of fact, conclusions of law, stipulation, and order in the matter of Lynn E. Erickson-Meier. Motion carried unanimously.

DELIBERATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE WARNING

08 HAD 011

MOTION: Edward Korabic moved, seconded by Alma Peters, to issue the Administrative Warning in the matter of case number 08 HAD 011. Motion carried unanimously.

DOE CASE CLOSING(S)

04 HAD 027

MOTION: Thomas Fisher moved, seconded by Peter Zellmer, to close case 04 HAD 027 for no violation against Vicki Meier. Motion carried unanimously.

APPLICATION REVIEW

SUZETTE STEINBACH-MINEAU

MOTION: Thomas Fisher moved in favor of Suzette Steinbach-Mineau completing 20 hours of continuing education and passing the Board's practical exam. Motion failed for lack of a second.

MOTION: Peter Zellmer moved, seconded by Marilyn Worker, to require the completion of 20 hours of continuing education, passage of the Praxis exam and passage of the Board's practical exam before licensure will be issued in the matter of Suzette Steinbach-Mineau. Motion carried unanimously.

Consulting with legal counsel:

Noted.

Application Issues

None.

EXAMINATION

MOTION: Thomas Fisher moved, seconded by Peter Zellmer, to ratify exam scores from January 26, 2009 examinations. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Edward Korabic moved, seconded by Alma Peters, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

THE NEXT MEETING: APRIL 20, 2009